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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ON 4/20 POLCOUNS CONVEYED DEPARTMENTS VIEWS ON RWANDA AS SET FORTH IN REFTELS TO LODE WILLEMS, CHEF DE CABINET TO BELGIAN FONMIN CLAES. WILLEMS RESPONDED THAT GOB AGREED THAT THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO A RETURN TO THE ARUSHA PRINCIPLES TO TRY TO BRING ABOUT A VIABLE POLITICAL PROCESS IN RWANDA. THIS, HE SAID, WOULD BE THE PURPORT OF

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER  
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL REASON: 1.4(B), 1.4(D)  
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PRIME MINISTER DEHAENE'S RESPONSE TO EXPECTED QUESTIONS BY THE BELGIAN PARLIAMENT 4/22. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION 4/20, BELGIAN MFA OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE EXPECTED BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN TANZANIA WOULD BE AN OBSERVER TO ANY DISCUSSIONS WHICH MIGHT OCCUR AS A RESULT OF THE TANZANIAN INITIATIVE.

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3. WILLEMS WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT, IN THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE BLOODLETTING REPORTEDLY CONTINUING UNABATED IN RWANDA, THE TWO SIDES WOULD BE READY NOW TO TALK.

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4. WILLEMS SAID THE GOB WAS TRANSMITTING TO THE RWANDAN AMBASSADOR IN BRUSSELS A LIST OF NAMES OF PEOPLE CONNECTED WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ARUSHA PROCESS WHO HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN KILLED WITH A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR FATE. HE ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU HAD ESCAPED AND WAS NOW IN NAIROBI.

5. ON THE ISSUE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE APRIL 6 CRASH OF PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA'S PLANE, WILLEMS SAID THAT THE BELGIAN MILITARY HAD NOT/NOT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE BEEN ABLE TO LOOK AT THE REMAINS OF THE PLANE. THE BELGIANS HAD BEEN TOLD BY RWANDAN SOURCES WHO STATED THAT THEY WERE EYEWITNESSES TO THE PLANE'S APPROACH TO KIGALI AIRPORT THAT MISSILES HAD BEEN FIRED AT THE PLANE FROM THE DIRECTION OF A FAR ENCAMPMENT. A SENIOR RWANDAN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER EVACUATED TO BRUSSELS (WE BELIEVE THIS IS [REDACTED]) [REDACTED] HAS TOLD THE BELGIANS [REDACTED] BELIEVES THE DOWNING OF THE PLANE WAS ORCHESTRATED BY EXTREMIST HUTU ELEMENTS IN THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD, AND THAT HABYARIMANA'S WIFE MAY HAVE BEEN IMPLICATED IN THE PLOT. WILLEMS SAID THE BELGIANS HAD NOT SPOKEN TO THE FRENCH ABOUT THE

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"POLITICAL ASPECTS" OF THE TRAGEDY IN RWANDA AND DID NOT  
KNOW WHETHER THE FRENCH HAD ANY HARD INFORMATION ABOUT THE  
PLANE CRASH.

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6. EMBASSY COMMENT: LAST WEEK, EMBOFF AND AMBASSADOR  
RAWSON HEARD WILLEMS SPECULATING THAT THE BELGIANS  
MIGHT/MIGHT LATER MOVE TO PNG RWANDAN AMBASSADOR IN  
BRUSSELS FOR HIS ACTIVITIES AND STATEMENTS ABOUT BELGIUM  
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WHICH HAD ENDANGERED BELGIAN LIVES. BELGIAN MINISTRY OF  
JUSTICE HAS NOW STARTED JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST  
BELGIAN (NOW IN FRANCE) WHO RAN RADIO MILLE COLLINES AND  
SPREAD FALSE STORIES ABOUT GOB'S BEING BEHIND DEATH OF  
HABYARIMANA. GIVEN THE CARNAGE IN RWANDA AND THE DEATHS  
OF THEIR OWN SOLDIERS, OUR BELGIAN INTERLOCUTORS ARE NOT  
ABLE TO SPEAK LIGHTLY OF DEALING WITH THE CURRENT "RWANDAN  
AUTHORITIES." LIKE THE U.S., THE BELGIANS SEE NO WAY OUT

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